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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/686,282	Applicant(s) MAW ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-18, 24-27 and 29-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 16-18, 24-27, and 29-33 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 16,17, 27 and 29 are, drawn to an assay method for identifying an agent that can potentiating cAMP to treat FSD, classified in class 435, subclass 4.
 - II. Claim 18 and 30-33 are, drawn to a method of treating FSD, classified in class 514, subclass variable based on the agent used.
 - III. Claim 24 is, drawn to method of diagnosing FSD, comprising isolating a sample from a female suffering from FSD, classified in class 435, subclass 4.
 - IV. Claim 25 is, drawn to a diagnostic composition or kit for detecting an entity of female sample that causes FSD, classified in class 424, subclass 401.
 - V. Claim 26 is, drawn to an animal model for identifying agents capable of treating FSD, classified in class 424, subclass 9.1

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions IV and (I-III) are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product. See MPEP § 806.05(h). In the instant case invention

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group IV is drawn to a diagnostic composition or kit for detecting an entity which has a direct or indirect effect on the level or activity of cAMP in the sexual genitalia of a female, while invention groups I and (II or III) are drawn to method of identifying and treating the FSD. Invention IV can be practiced with materially different product.

3. Inventions I and (II or III) are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions group I is drawn to an assay method to identifying an agent, whereas the inventions of groups II and III utilize agents that may or may not be the same agent of invention of group I to determine the processes of using the respective active agent for the treatment of FSD disorders (see US 2002/0019405, US 2002/0028846 and US 4,666,908). Thus, these inventions are unrelated because invention of group I is drawn to an assay method to identify an agent that can potentiate cAMP to treat FSD.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reason given above and the search required for inventions I-V are also different, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

The election of an invention may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly

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and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Conclusion

1. No claims are allowed at this time.

2. All pending claims are subjected to restriction/election requirements.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jagadishwar R. Samala whose telephone number is (571)272-9927. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 A.M to 5.00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Hartley can be reached on (571)272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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